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SUBJECT: DAVIES INVESTIGATION

REF: NICOSIA 739

1. FOLLOWING NICOSIA DISTRICT COURT DECISION NOT TO GRANT BAIL FOR LEFTIS OR SAVVA, DEFENSE ATTORNEYS MADE AN APPEAL TO CYPRUS SUPREME COURT. ON APRIL 15, SUPREME COURT RULED THAT IT HAD JURISDICTION TO HEAR THE APPEAL WHICH WAS BASED ON THE GROUND THAT DETENTION COULD HAMPER DEFENSE BY PREVENTING PROPER PREPARATION OF THE CASE.

2. ON APRIL 16, SUPREME COURT REJECTED APPEAL AND RULED THAT THE TWO ACCUSED WOULD REMAIN IN CUSTODY. THE COURT ALSO RULED THAT THE ACCUSED COULD HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL AT THE CENTRAL PRISON ANY POTENTIAL DEFENSE WITNESSES. IF THEY WISH, THE ACCUSED ALSO MAY BE ESCORTED TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME WITH ANY DEFENSE WITNESSES.

3. THE SUPREME COURT LEFT THE DOOR OPEN FOR A FURTHER REQUEST FOR BAIL FOR LEFTIS AND SAVVA, BUT IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT THE DEFENSE WILL PURSUE THIS LINE FURTHER. IN THE ABSENCE OF FURTHER ACTION BY THE DEFENSE, THE NEXT EVENT WILL BE THE TRIAL ITSELF. THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS

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ADVISED US INFORMALLY THAT THE MOST LIKELY DATE FOR THE OPENING OF THE TRIAL IS SOMETIME NEAR THE END OF MAY. WE EXPECT TO HAVE CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS.
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